

II. IN THE CLAIMS (MARKED VERSION)

Please amend the Claims as follows:

5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the detergent comprises a [final] concentration of between about 0.01 to [10 percent] the solubility limit of the detergent.
6. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the glycerol comprises a [final] concentration of between about 0.6 to [15] about 20 percent.
7. (Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein glycerol comprises a [final] concentration of between about 0.6 to about 6 percent.
12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of incubating the [cell and detergent and reducing agent mixture] solution from about [9]40 minutes to about [24] 72 hours.
13. (Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein the incubation is from about[8 hours] 90 minutes to about 24 hours.
14. (Amended) The method of Claim 1, further comprising the step of incubating the [cell and detergent and reducing agent mixture] solution at a temperature of between about [3]2°C and about [1]50°C.

Please add the following Claim:

15. The method of Claim 1 wherein the detergent is added to the cells at a concentration up to two hundred times the concentration of the solution.
16. The method of Claim 1 wherein the pH of the solution ranges from about pH 5.0 to about pH 8.0.

III. REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is made before the mailing date of the first office action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the entering of the amendment prior to examination on the merits. Said amendment is being made to correct a typographical errors and capture previously unclaimed disclosure, and is not being made for any reason related to patentability under 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103, and/or 112. No estoppel should result from said amendment.

Support for the amendments to Claim 5 can be found at page 11, lines 8-20. Support for the amendments to Claims 6 and 7 can be found at page 12, line 22 to page 13, line 6. Support for the amendments to Claims 12 and 13 can be found at page 13, line 23 to page 14, line 17. Support for the amendments to Claim 14 can be found at page 13, lines 11-16. Support for new Claim 15 can be found at page 11, lines 11-20. Support for new Claim 16 can be found at page 13, lines 7-10.

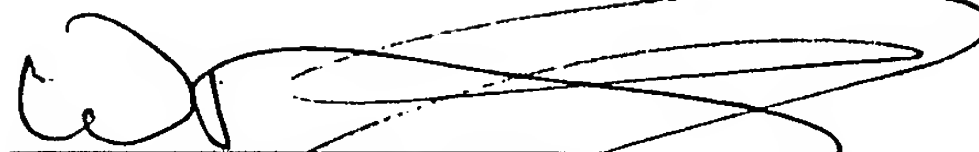
II. CONCLUSION

The application is believed in a condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests such action. If the Examiner feels that an interview may best further the prosecution of the case, Applicant extends an invitation for the Examiner to call the below undersigned attorney for any assistance in securing allowance of this application. Please charge deposit account number 02-2334 for any required fees.

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